

by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information. Respondents/Affected Entities: Wood Furniture Manufacturers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 750.

Frequency of Response: On occasion, quarterly, semi-annually and annual reports are required.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 91,430 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$34,830.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No.1716.02 and OMB Control No. 2060-0324 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; and

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: December 17, 1997.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5939-3]

Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board; Nominees, Meeting Date and Agenda

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will convene an open meeting of the Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board (ELAB) on January 16, 1998, from 1 pm to 5 pm. This meeting immediately follows the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference (NELAC) Third Interim Meeting and will be held in the Sheraton National Hotel at 900 South Orme Street in Arlington, VA. Directions can be obtained from the hotel by calling 703/521-2122.

The agenda will include discussions on (1) the fact findings of the Good Laboratory Practices subcommittee, which will present its final report; (2) consideration of a request to establish a separate fact finding subcommittee on third party assessors; and (3) a report from NELAC on issues regarding implementation. Comments on the NELAC standards, as discussed during the Third Interim Meeting, will be solicited. Standards are scheduled to be posted on the electronic bulletin board on December 13, 1997. The Internet site address for the standards is: <http://ttnwww.rtpnc.epa.gov/html/nelac/nelac.htm>.

The public is encouraged to attend. Time will be allotted for public comment. Written comments are most valuable and should be directed to Ms. Jeanne Mourrain; Designated Federal Officer; USEPA; NERL (MD-75A); Research Triangle Park, NC 27711. If questions arise, please contact Ms. Mourrain at 919/541-1120, fax 919/541-4261, or E-mail mourrain.jeanne@epamail.epa.gov.

Dated: December 10, 1997.

Nancy W. Wentworth,

Director, Quality Assurance Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Termination of the Use of Methamidophos on All Crops Except Cotton and Potatoes, and Cancellation of All Methamidophos 24(c) Food-Use Registration Not Labeled for Use on Tomatoes Only

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, EPA is issuing a notice of its response to requests for

amendment by Bayer Corporation and Valent USA, the sole U.S. registrants of the insecticide methamidophos, to terminate the use of methamidophos on all agricultural crops except cotton and potatoes by deleting all other uses from all methamidophos FIFRA section 3 registrations, and to cancel all section 24(c) food-use registrations not labeled for use on tomatoes only.

DATES: These terminations and cancellations are effective on December 31, 1997, subject to the existing stocks provision specified herein.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Philip Poli, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508W), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail: Special Review Branch, Crystal Station #1, 3rd floor, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA, (703) 308-8038; e-mail: poli.philip@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

Section 6(f)(1) of FIFRA provides that a registrant of a pesticide product may at any time request that any of its pesticide registrations be canceled or amended to terminate one or more uses. The Act further provides that, before acting on the request, EPA must publish a notice of receipt of any such request in the **Federal Register** and provide for a 30-day public comment period. Thereafter, the Administrator of EPA may approve such a request, unless the Administrator determines, in the case of a pesticide that is registered for a minor agricultural use, that the cancellation or termination of uses would adversely affect the availability of the pesticide for use. If such a determination is made, unless certain exceptions apply, the Administrator may not approve or reject a request until 180 days have passed from the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the notice of receipt.

Methamidophos is registered for minor agricultural uses that would be affected by a termination of uses and cancellation of registrations. Accordingly, in a July 2, 1997 **Federal Register** notice announcing receipt of these requests for termination/cancellation, the Administrator set forth a 180-day effective schedule for approval of the requests.

II. Background

EPA conducted an occupational risk assessment that estimated risks associated with short- and intermediate-term exposures of agricultural workers to methamidophos. The assessment indicated that the risks to workers of